

## Green Certification Update

### Annual Certification Review

Each fall, the Indiana Classified Forest Certified Group (ICFCG) goes through a Forest Stewardship Council® ((FSC –C071226)) review to make sure the group is meeting FSC® standards ([www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-FSC\\_US\\_ForMgmt\\_Stdv1.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-FSC_US_ForMgmt_Stdv1.pdf)). The review involves an independent auditor coming to Indiana, examining our records, and then visiting landowners and walking their forests. Thanks to the landowners in eastern and central Indiana who were part of the fall 2017 review.

Overall ICFCG did great—we are meeting the FSC standards. The auditor mentioned a couple of things to work on related to district-forester vacancies and training of new foresters. The Division of Forestry is dedicated to continue to fill district positions as the budget allows. Training for foresters is ongoing. The full report from the review and all previous reviews are available on the Division of Forestry website: [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/7536.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/7536.htm).

As of Jan. 1, 2017, timber harvests on the certified classified forests must be done by timber-harvesting crews that meet a minimum training requirement. At least one person on the crew at an active harvest site must meet the requirements. It is your responsibility as a landowner to make sure the crew meets the training standard. You can check the training records for your preferred logger at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestryexchange/INForestryX/FindaTrainedLogger.aspx>.

### Timber!

Thinking about harvesting timber on your FSC-certified forest?

- **Contact your district forester** for the information you need to sell your timber as FSC certified. Even if you don't plan to sell your timber as FSC certified, you still must contact your district forester in order to do a timber harvest on certified woodland.
  - **Use a trained logger.** It's a requirement on certified land. Check the status for your preferred logger at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestryexchange/INForestryX/FindaTrainedLogger.aspx>.

### Learn More

For more information about Forest Certification and the Indiana Classified Forest Certified Group (ICFCG), visit the Private Forestland “Green” Certification Program website: [www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/7536.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/7536.htm).